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Please amend the specification as follows:

In the Title:

Bitmap Image Compressing.

In the Claims:

1. (AMENDED THREE TIMES) A method of

compressing a digital image having at least three textures to reduce the amount of storage space required for holding it prior to a time when the image is to be displayed, comprising:

generating a bitmap representing <u>only</u> boundaries separating regions in said image, said boundaries comprising pixels of said image, at least one of said regions comprising pixels of said image;

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